

Behavioral Health in Schools Initiative

Frequently Asked Questions from Health Care Providers

1. Is the funding for this initiative only for Title XIX/XXI (Title 19/21) members?

Yes, this Medicaid funding is reserved for AHCCCS members or children enrolled in Kids Care.

2. What types of behavioral health services are available?

A complete list can be found here:

<https://www.azahcccs.gov/AHCCCS/Initiatives/BehavioralHealthServices/>

3. Which schools are participating?

This depends on the health plan involved as well as the school district. Parents should contact their behavioral health provider or school administration to see if their children's school is participating.

4. Which health plans are participating?

All AHCCCS Complete Care and RBHA health plans are participating in this initiative.

5. How much money was allocated?

A total of \$10 million dollars was allocated for this initiative; \$9 million of which is dedicated to services and \$1 million was allocated for schools to provide Mental Health First Aid training.

6. How the funding was appropriated?

The funding comes from an increase in the capitation rate for Medicaid members aged 1-21.

7. How does this initiative differ from regular Medicaid-funded, school based behavioral health services?

This allocation from the capitation increase is specifically targeted to be use in schools. The billing code 03 designates the service as provided in a school setting.

8. If it is only for Title XIX/XXI (T19/21) members, are there any funds for children who not eligible for Medicaid?

Yes, through the Community Mental Health Block Grant (MHBG) and the Substance Abuse Block Grant (SABG) the Regional Behavioral Health Authorities have targeted funds for providing BH services to individuals not eligible for Title XIX/XXI (T19/21) funding.